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There is enclosed a copy of a search report dated 9 March 2004. That search report has cited eight references as follows:

DE 636 666 for FIGS. 1 to 3 and the associated description with respect to examined claims 1, 3 and 4 in category Y: references which place in question the inventiveness or an inventive step together with another reference.

DE 178 336 C for the claims and drawing with respect to examined claims 1, 3 and 4 in category Y.

DE 16 11 280 B2 for claims 1, 3 to 5 and col. 3, lines 2 to 12 with respect to examined claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 19 in category Y.

DE 198 03 827 A1 for claim 1, col. 3, lines 60 through col. 4, line 26 and FIGS. 2a, 2b, 2c with reference to examined claims 1 to 4 in category Y.

D 1761340 C for page 5, second paragraph and FIGS. 1 to 3 with respect to examined claims 1, 3 and 4 in category Y.

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German Democratic Republic Patent 273 227 A1 for claim 1 the figure and example with respect to examined claims 1, 3, 4 in category Y.

U.S. Patent 5,000,729 for FIGS. 11a through 11f with respect to examined claims 1, 3 and 4 in category Y.

A PTO-1449 form listing the references and copies of them are enclosed.

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